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Elmwood First Graders Receive 'Highest H from EPA

Front row: (l-r) Matthew Heard, Sheena Pozzi, Ashley Fox, Kate Condon, Christina Mazzillli, Amanda Holm; 2nd row: Shannon Hopkins, Athina Nikopoulos, Amanda Lebel, Monica Castillo, Jay George, Amanda Graves, Thomas Gagliardi, Joshua Leary; 3rd row: Mrs. Nancy Tabor, Joseph Laskowski, Heather Harris, Kalee Hakala, Alicia Smith, Daniel Rudge, Lynn Sarcione, David Glaser, Gregory Kerr, Patrick Hubley, Shane Nadeau, and Ms. Heidi Picotte. Jesse Haghanizadeh was absent.

Photos by Alexander A. Belisle

Daniel Rudge and Kate Condon accept the award from EPA officials Julie Belaga and Paul Keough.

MILLBURY - Elmwood Street School first graders captured "highest honors" in the 20th Annual Elementary Education Ecology Poem and Poster Program sponsored by the New England Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6. The program provided an opportunity to participate in an environmental awareness project and to compete with other New England students.

On May 22, the students, accompanied by their teacher, Nancy Tabor, and student teacher Heidi Picotte, traveled to the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston to receive their award along with winners from other schools in the State. The award was presented by Regional Administrator Julie Belaga and Deputy Regional Administrator Paul G. Keough.

The objective of the program is to help bring about a greater awareness of and concern for the environment in elementary school children.

Clawson Chosen to Fill Vacancy on School Committee

By Andree A. Belisle

MILLBURY - Members of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee jointly interviewed six candidates on May 19 to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of former School Committee member Ed Wilczynski due to illness. Candidates Paul Anderson, Virginia Auciello, Thomas Clawson, Patricia Cooney, Rebecca Kupcinskas, and Steven Widen all sought the one-year appointment.

Following over two hours of interviews, the vote was five for Clawson, two for Cooney, one for Anderson, and one for Kupcinskas.

Present to question the candidates were: Selectmen Roland Lachance, Donald Gauthier, Gerald Bleau, Bernard Plante and Jude Cristo, chairman; School committee members Jane Pojani, Alan Marble, Barbara Tuttle, and Chet Hanratty, chairman.

Candidates were asked a series of prepared questions by members of both boards. Each candidate was interviewed separately and each interview lasted approximately 15-20 minutes.

[While one candidate was being interviewed, the remaining candidates remained outside the meeting room. We have grouped the responses under each question to make it easier for the reader.]

School Committee member Jane Pojani's question was asked by another interviewer prior to her being allowed to pose it herself.

The first question was posed by Cristo who asked each candidate for a summary of their background and why they wanted the position.

PAUL ANDERSON replied that he has been in education since 1976 and is currently teaching at Mass. Bay Community College. He said he has also been involved in union negotiations, the school senate, served on the executive board of the union, and was involved in the budgetary procedure for the school's union.

"I like education," Anderson said. "I don't have any children coming through the system or going to go through the system. I think Millbury has a great system. I think it's a feather in somebody's cap to keep it as well as it has been kept up to now, especially in these budgetary times. I'd like to be a part of keeping that excellence. I'd like to give something back to the community."

VIRGINIA AUCIELLO listed her background as a former educator, including a former teaching position in the Millbury School System. She has been involved in health education and now owns her own consulting business that deals with communication skills. She said she was interested in serving because she has watched the educational process evolve. "I grew up in the town, my kids have grown up in the town. I feel I have a level of confidence that would allow me to be a team member," she said.

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Educational Center Holds Open House

MILLBURY - An Open House and Dedication was held at The Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center on May 20. The Center is located in the newly renovated Center School building at the corner of Waters and Elm Streets. The Center is operated by staff from Y.O.U. Inc. , of Worcester, a private social service agency, and provides a school for troubled youths and a community counseling center. Y.O.U. Inc. invested considerable funds to renovate the building which it leases from the town. Other occupants of the building are the Millbury Youth Center and the Hosanna Christian Fellowship.

Photos by Alexander A. Belisle

On hand for the dedication were (l-r): Youth Center Director Penny Downs; Police Chief Richard Handfield; former Town Planner Dave Hulseberg, who could not be there in the flesh but was there in spirit (Hulseberg first brought Y.O.U. Inc.'s proposal to the attention of the Selectmen in October of 1991 and he worked very closely with all parties involved in the project); Youth Commission member Terry O'Brien; and Administrative Assistant Earl Chase.

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We The People

Says it doesn't add up

To the Editor:

Many times the question is asked, "What is wrong with today's education?" Well, Millbury's school system has finally given us the answer - if the numbers don't add up, then fix them so that they do. We were all taught that one half (1/2) is not the same as a whole (1). This year however, the High School will have two valedictorians even though one student scored higher grades. You may ask, "Why? How can this be?"

Our high school Principal and staff have determined that two students are so close in grades that why not give the honor to both students. Has anyone thought about how an individual who has worked hard for four years, and attained the top grades, must feel when told that they must share the honor with someone else because their marks came so close?

We do not tell teams that even though they are the winners, the runner-up came so close that we will give them both the win. Where is our academic excellence? Why have standards been lowered?

Both poised young ladies are to be congratulated, but there is only, and can be only, one Valedictorian. Congratulations to the student who attained the highest grade point average. You are the real Valedictorian, whoever you are.

Patricia A. Cooney
Millbury

Here & There Bits 'N Pieces

. . . by Joe Morin

Happy Spring! A fun summer is extended to you all out there. We can't complain though, winter wasn't that bad at all. Let's thank our lucky stars for small favors.

We tend to take so much for granted, don't we? We're never satisfied, always complaining about 'dis and 'dat! Tell you what, we'll do all the complaining, taking a poke at, setting straight, we'll do all that for you guys and gals out there, just sit back and enjoy!

The first thing we might ask is, "Why do politicians make it so difficult for us to like them?" Wherever you look, in the papers, TV or radio, there is always something going afoul when a politician makes an entrance. Always explaining, or trying to explain a way out of this or that! It's hard to "like" a politician these days; it's difficult to place our faith and trust in their hands. Do you honestly think I enjoy giving them the business? (Well, maybe just a little!) I think they are finally getting the message that people have had it with all their baloney, shenanigans, and its about time Clancy lowers the boom, right on their thick noggins! Is there hope? Sure, there's always hope, 'cause that's all we have left, hope and the vote, that's what we have, and me thinks that the vote is more powerful than hope. Now on with the show!

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DUMB! DUMB! LAWS...Did you know that it is illegal to give alcoholic beverages to a moose in Fairbanks, that farmers in North Carolina cannot use elephants to plow their fields, and barbers in Waterloo, Nebraska are banned from eating onions between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.? Really! These dumb laws are still on the books according to R. Pelton, author of "Loony Laws." In Montana, it's a felony for a wife to open and read her husband's mail! Where's the Beef? Dropped by a North Grafton eatery one night, ordered one of their specials, Veal Parmigiana! The dish was brought out, took a few minutes to clear the cheese and sauce! Looked for the Veal. Found it! The size of a McDonald mini-burger. Another rip off! My fault though, didn't complain! Won't go back their again.

Back to the Dumb Category Again: people who still park in handicapped zones; people leaving little ones in cars while they shop; motorists who try to beat the lights at Rt. 20 and Massasoit Rd (how dumb and reckless!); drivers who give a left turn signal, then turn right; people who use Egg Beaters, then fry up a pound of bacon to go along with it! How about serving hot peas in a cold crystal dish? Snap, crackle and pop! Ask me. I know! No dish, no peas! No brains! All dumb!

The Greek Playwright Aeschylus, according to some sources, was killed by a tortoise. The animal, it is said, was dropped from the claws of an eagle flying overhead, which mistook Aeschylus' bald head for a rock. See, ya never know.

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In my opinion, the money raised for repairs to St. Joseph's in Worcester, and then some, has been raised. Volunteers would repair the roof, masonry at cost. Still, the Bishop, through his advisors, has said "NO!" On with the demolition. A ridiculous decision, in my opinion, and that of many others! But who will listen? They spoke up, as well as they should have. They remained firm, steadfast to their commitment in saving "their" church; at least they had assumed it was "theirs!" Now we all know, and realize we have nothing to say about the "life of" and "death of" our churches. Church buildings, all church edifices, are in the hands of the Bishop, the Diocese. So be it! Is there an alternative? Could there be another alternative in Church building ownership? And why not? We're paying all the bills! Lord, that anger, disappointment, jealousy, politics pass from us all! Hopefully a new day is dawning, a new spirit. Heal the hearts of all!

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TOM CLAWSON has been employed in the Auditing Department of the City of Worcester since 1979. He has served on the Millbury Finance Committee since 1988, chairman since 1989. "I've worked in town on the finance committee. I think my background will serve me well," he said.

PATRICIA COONEY is currently a teacher in the Millbury School System, although it was noted that she has submitted her resignation. A former member of the school committee, she remarked that her five children have gone through the Millbury schools. She also said her past experience on the school committee would mean she would not have to go through an indoctrination process if appointed to the committee.

REBECCA KUPCINSKAS, a graduating senior at Millbury High, said she plans on attending WPI in the fall. She served as the Student Advisor to the School Committee and said she was interested in providing a student's perspective to the committee.

STEVEN WIDEN said he has a master's degree in adult education and has taught in a variety of substitute positions. He also mentioned his work in youth sports and fund raising efforts for the Super Park. "I have both practical and conceptual experience in education," he said. Widen said his primary reason for seeking the appointment is the fact that he has three children in the system.

The second question asked by Cristo was as follows: "With the budget situation as it is, on the administrative staff in the school department we have a superintendent, an assistant superintendent, and a business manager. If you had to make a cut, would you favor cutting one of those administrators or would you cut teaching staff or direct services staff?"

ANDERSON replied that he would like to look at how many administrators are in the entire program before deciding. "If I had to make a statement right now," he said, "I'd say I would rather cut the administrative staff than the direct service staff involving students."

AUCIELLO said she would have to look at the student/teacher ratio, the subject matter being taught, the areas of certification of the teachers, and the administration's duties. "Take a comprehensive look at all areas of the budget," she said, "and make an appropriate decision based on the recommendation of the team, the administration, and the staff."

CLAWSON and COONEY both said they would cut an administrator.

KUPCINSKAS remarked that Sylvia has stated he would be retiring shortly. She said she would offer his position to Assistant Superintendent Richard Palermo and then do away with the position of assistant superintendent. "You don't want to cut teachers. If it came down to it, cut an administrative position," she said.

Widen said the last place he would cut would be from the teaching or service oriented staff. "I feel that the assistant superintendent is needed to maintain continuity," he said, "maintain those two positions knowing that Dr. Sylvia will probably be retiring in a year or two. If push comes to shove, I would cut the business manager's position."

Cristo then asked, "Because of the fiscal crisis, would you be in favor of asking any of the administrative staff to accept a level funded salary for fiscal year 1993?

ANDERSON replied, "Sure would."

AUCIELLO said she would feel very comfortable doing that.

CLAWSON said "Yes."

COONEY replied, "Not only would I ask them to level fund, but I would ask them to take a cut."

KUPCINSKAS, too, said, "Yes."

WIDEN said he would ask them to accept level funding and, as a token gesture, would also ask the Superintendent not to take the $1200 a year he has been allocated for in-town travel.

Cristo then asked each candidate what they would do to insure quality education in a more affordable manner?

ANDERSON replied, "I don't think anybody from the outside is ever going to get a very good picture of what exactly happens unless you're involved in the process. I think there are a lot of creative ways to raise funds that won't hamper education. I think it's very important for the parents, the community, the students and school to feel good about the school. I don't think schools should be nickled and dimed. I also don't think they should have a blank checkbook. I think everybody should feel good about the schools. You only get one shot to educate your kids."

AUCIELLO said she was interested in looking at the whole picture of education: academics first, and then sports and social programs. "I also feel we have to look at the whole idea of the supervision and evaluation of teachers," she said, "and competency and quality; how we determine what quality is, what training is taking place."

CLAWSON said he would analyze each department. "It would basically be a juggling act," he said. "You'd have to see where the strengths and weaknesses are. You'd have to steal from Peter to pay Paul."

COONEY said she would cut the administration before teachers, "who are the heart of education. I also think every principal should have the full run of their budget and not have to go the superintendent," she said. "They should also be accountable for their performance. I would like to see teachers and parents have more say in the system. I am not completely in accord with tenure; there is the retention of poor teachers. I am also not for percentage raises across the board; I am for responsibility and performance."

KUPCINSKAS remarked that many of the proposals under the School Reform legislation will cost money. "The school system works well," she said. "Find ways to make it more efficient."

WIDEN said one of the basic issues to be addressed is the resources that are in place and how to utilize them to the fullest.

Hanratty asked the candidates for their opinions on School Choice?

ANDERSON said he did not have a problem with school choice. "It may put people back on the ball," he said. "If you offer quality eduction, I don't think parents are going to want to send their children to other schools."

AUCIELLO said she has very mixed feelings about School Choice. "It sounds like a wonderful idea," she said, "but I don't believe the schools are in a position to do public relations and marketing.

CLAWSON said he was opposed to school choice. "The town of Millbury is a small community with an excellent school system. This is our town, we shouldn't be allowing others in. Also, the reimbursement is not fair," he said.

COONEY said she was not for school choice as it stands. "I've heard the arguments for and against. The way it stands now, unless there is a per pupil cost across the state, I think it is doomed to failure. The transportation is another factor," she said. "Also, it is only a one year deal, it goes from year to year, so at the end of one year, all those kids could be gone."

KUPCINSKAS said that as the law is currently written, she does not think it's a good idea. "If Millbury opens up, we could get hurt," she said. "The more students you lose, that will hurt. "

WIDEN replied, "As it stands today, legislatively, I don't think I'm in favor of school choice. It does promote competition, but as it stands today, I am not in favor."

Hanratty then asked, "We are facing a $400,000 cut over last year's funding. If you had to make a determination of where to cut, which way would you go: [for] School Choice, [for] teacher [pay] deferral, or [for] a $400,000 cut in the budget?"

ANDERSON replied that School Choice can generate monies. "I'm not in favor of teacher deferral," he said. "The bottom line then, would be to cut $400,000 from the budget. It would be very painful, but sometimes those things have to be done."

AUCIELLO said it would be difficult, but she would have to go with cutting the budget as her first choice.

CLAWSON said he would favor teacher deferral as his first choice, with school choice second and a $400,000 cut third.

COONEY remarked that a $400,000 cut would have to go before the town meeting and said her first choice would be to go for school choice.

KUPCINSKAS replied that school choice would be the best option. Teacher deferral is a "bandaid approach," she said, and cutting $400,000 would be the worse case scenario.

WIDEN said he would choose teacher deferral first, school choice second, and a $400,000 cut last.

Garthier asked the candidates what their goals would be if selected?

ANDERSON replied, "I'd like to project a positive attitude about the school system and the school committee. I would like the committee, the town, the administration and staff to work together as one team. I never liked the feeling of 'us against them.' I'd like to project a positive attitude. Maybe I can bring some fresh ideas and thinking into the system."

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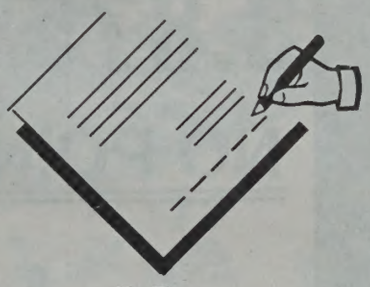

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School Committee Cuts $50,000 from Professional Salaries Account

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - At the School Committee's May 20 meeting, Superintendent Alfred Sylvia, Clerk of the Committee, noted that the reorganization of the committee was deferred at the last meeting because the committee was missing one member due to the resignation of Wilczynski. Tom Clawson was appointed May 19 to fill that vacancy. Sylvia asked if the Committee wanted to act on the reorganization tonight despite the absence of Barbara Tuttle who Sylvia said was ill. The Committee opted to move on re-organization.

Pojani nominated Hanratty for Chairman, which was approved 4-0. Clawson put Marble's name forward for vice chairman. Hanratty asked Pojani if she wished her name to be placed in nomination. She indicated that she did not want to be corisidered. Marble was appointed vice chairman, 4-0.

The committee also voted to conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order and to hold meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month, excepting meetings that might be held in late June or early July.

Suspension Program

Assistant High School Principal Charles Capparelli reported that he met with some students and parents regarding the in-house suspension program called "L'Autre Choix" and regulations pertaining to that program. Pojani had requested the information at a previous meeting.

Capparelli said the students indicated that they wanted the regulations to remain the same.

Pojani said she thought the request was to review the whole discipline policy.

Capparelli said that was not his understanding but he and Carmody have agreed to review the whole discipline policy with a committee. He said it will take almost one school year and may require changes in the student handbook. The Committee approved the discipline policy review 4-0.

Teacher Evaluations

Assistant Superintendent Richard Palermo addressed the issue of a new teacher evaluation instrument that is being studied and readied for implementation. He said the new process would drop the checklist format for a mutual goal setting instrument developed with teachers and administrators. He said some goals would be agreed upon initially and would be evaluated by several visits to the teacher's classroom over a period of time, followed by a face to face discussion on those areas and areas for improvement.

Millbury Teachers Association President Tom Murray noted that the teaching staff is a veteran staff and said it will take time to bring about change. He also said the proposed instrument has more merit than the present system and that the whole staff should be involved in formalizing such an instrument.

Marble suggested that only two or three goals be established at the outset rather than five since having so many could make them less meaningful.

Murray called for meaningful goals and support from administrators as the staff tries new approaches.

Pojani expressed concern that the process could drag on if there is a teacher who is not clicking with the goals set up as the year could be over before anything is accomplished.

Palermo said the key would be dialogue with both teachers and administrators working on mutually accepted goals which is lacking in the present check list system.

Valedictorian

Carmody said there was a "real battle" concerning the selection of Class Valedictorian because there were two outstanding students in the senior class. He said he brought the issue to a teachers' meeting for feedback. According to Carmody, the teachers were in support of having co-valedictorians if their grade point averages were within a half point of each other. Carmody said he didn't want to get into comparisons. "We will have two valedictorians," he said. The names of the two students were not announced.

User Fees

Sylvia introduced the issue of user fees for sports programs. Athletic Director Dave Wilbur has supplied information showing a case against user fees from problems experienced in other communities.

Carmody stated he saw sports as an opportunity to keep kids in school. "The user fees are negative. They will put pressure on the coaches to put say, like a seventh man into a game. Many may not go out (for teams) because of users fees. It's (sports) the other half of education," he said. "It's very important."

Clawson asked if user fees were included as part of the present budget.

Carmody replied no, not to his knowledge.

Hanratty said not as of today, but it could be subject to change as the committee has not voted on a final budget as yet.

Budget Cuts

Sylvia presented a list of budget cuts he was recommending to the Committee as requested at the last meeting. Hanratty had asked that budget cuts reflecting 2%, 4% and 6% be brought before the Committee by Sylvia.

Sylvia presented recommendations for cuts in supplies in all areas for a total of $131,000 or a 1.39% cut. He said a 6% budget cut would annihilate the school system and did not present a budget cut proposal for that amount.

It was stated that teacher pay deferral was a safe way to go at this time.

Pojani said she was against a deferral as the town is already obligated for a $314,000 teacher pay deferral for last year and another deferral would double the payback for the town.

The Committee took no action on approving or disapproving a deferral.

On a motion by Hanratty, the Committee approved an additional cut of $50,000 from the Professional Salaries account to meet the Finance Committee's request for an additional cut of $50,000- $75,000. Hanratty said the Committee would be hard pressed to come up with a $75,000 cut.

MTA President Tom Murray asked how the proposed cut in the salaries account would impact the system.

Hanratty replied that there is flexibility in the salary account since during the course of the year pregnancies and other situations would allow for the use of substitutes which in turn would mean fewer expenditures in the account. He said the committee would be gambling that there will be flexibility in the use of that account.

Murray asked what would happen if that did not occur. Hanratty replied that there would be some cuts in staff.

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AUCIELLO said she would first like to establish fiscal accountability, "to look at the schools to be sure we are doing what should be done so our kids can get into the workplace and into college." She also said she would like to look at teacher accountability.

CLAWSON said he would like to keep the schools on the strong footing they are on now, enhance revenues, and allocate revenues to the instruction portion of the budget.

COONEY said her first priority would be to provide a good education for the students and her second priority, fiscal responsibility.

KUPCINSKAS said she would like to help make policies based on evidence and would like to help the school system run smoothly.

WIDEN said he felt he could maintain a sense of balance. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, " education is the #1 priority. My biggest advantage is probably not having been in the town that long, not carrying any excess baggage."

GAUTHIER asked each for their opinion on what constitutes an adequate class size?

ANDERSON replied, "Some courses are more teacher-demanding than others. In some classes, I don't have a problem with 30 students; with others I'd have a real problem with 20 students." He also said class size should depend on the level of the class being taught.

AUCIELLO said, "It would vary, but realistically, with today's budget, around 25."

CLAWSON said it would depend on the subject matter.

COONEY replied, "22, which we have now. We are very fortunate."

KUPCINSKAS, too, said it would depend on the subject matter. "In physics," she said, "10 would be good. There is no cut and dry class size."

WIDEN said, "Ideally, 15, but I would hate to see it go as high as 25. If you said money is not an object, 15."

Tuttle asked about some of the education reform issues, namely school choice, tenure and school based management (having each building principal assume responsibility for all areas of his building). Some candidates had replied to these questions in earlier statements and were not asked to reply again.

ANDERSON said he had mixed emotions about tenure. "I've been a teacher for 16 years, and obviously I enjoy my tenure," he said. "But, I don't think tenure is as important today as it was 25-30 years ago. I think today, that teachers doing a good job with an open minded administrative staff and fair evaluations and goals and objectives, I don't see any reason why a teacher has to have tenure."

With respect to school based management, Anderson said he favors the idea. "I like to see someone held directly accountable for the operations of the school," he said, "directly accountable for hiring, firing, evaluations."

AUCIELLO said she would have to take a "strong, hard look at tenure" and training of and evaluation for teachers.

CLAWSON replied that he would like to see more evaluations of teachers. "I believe I would be in favor of tenure," he said, "but I would have to study it more."

COONEY had already referred to tenure and school choice in her previous responses. She said she would be in favor of School Based Management.

KUPCINSKAS said she was in favor of tenure. "It gives job security," she said. She did add that some teachers get very apathetic after tenure. On School Based Management, Kupcinskas said the principal should be totally in charge, should have greater input, "but the Superintendent needs to have control."

WIDEN said the issue of tenure raises concerns. "Like any other business," he said, "there should be the ability of administration and faculty, if necessary, to make changes." On the other hand, he said he could understand what it must be like not to have job security. "Tenure is positive in that respect," he said.

With respect to school based management, Widen said, "It makes sense, but you have to get the best bang for the buck."

Tuttle then asked, "With only 1500 students presently in the school system, do you feel the superintendent's salary of $80,000 as of July 1st is appropriate?

ANDERSON: "No."

AUCIELLO: "I think that's on the high level."

CLAWSON: "I think it would take some serious looking into."

COONEY: "No."

KUPCINSKAS: "I don't know if it's totally inappropriate. It was comparable to other towns."

WIDEN: "Based on my understanding of his longevity and educational background, as well as his overall experience, I feel it's not totally out of line."

Lachance remarked that with School Choice, there are winners and losers. "How would you prevent the town from being on the losing side of School Choice," he asked.

ANDERSON replied, "You would have to make sure from the very beginning, that your school system was not the type of school system that people did not want to attend," he said, "that you had a school system that had high ideals and high standards, competent and energetic staff and administration, support from the town, and a reasonable funding package. I don't think that we're referring to the Millbury school system as coming up on the short end of it with people wanting to go to other school systems; I don't think that's going to happen. I think it could happen in a number of years if you didn't keep the level you have now."

AUCIELLO said, "All people involved in education have to look differently at the roles they play in the quality of education. As a school committee member, marketing is necessary to get the good

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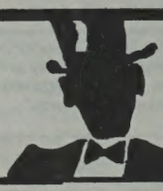

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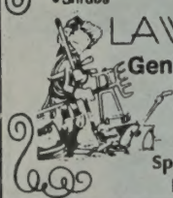

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part of us. For that, we thank You, Lord!

Went to see a friend recently, I hadn't seen him in 44 years! Hard to believe isn't it? Not to have met, at one time or another, in all those years? Lord, has time flown by! He was part of the "original" Barclay St. Crew. "Stretch" Wynn, "Tubby" Callahan, "Moose" Richard, and "Red" D. We all hung around together, never got into serious trouble, played ball Saturday mornings, took off to the Ionic Ave. Boys' Club, camped in Ballad Woods on Granite St., lit huge bonfires on the 4th, and at night, we would gather at the "meeting place," the huge tree at the corner of Barclay and Aetna. We all had our spot at the base of this huge tree, whose trunk spread out like a huge octopus. We talked, horsed around, planned the next day's activities, whether it was swimming or the Family or Rialto theater.

I met his wife for the first time, his children, all grown and with children of their own. Grey hair had set in, as with mine, a sign that the good ol' days were so far behind us. There was so much I wanted to ask him. But it wasn't possible, you see, I was attending my friend's wake: he was to be buried the next day. Sleep in Peace, pal of mine! We had fun, didn't we, Dick! God be with you.

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If at first you don't succeed! That poor soul from N.Y. way that jumped out of the window, landed on a car roof, realized he was still alive, walked back up to the fourth floor and jumped again! Yupp, he landed on the same car, still alive. Now that's what I call determination!

Pot Pourri...Light up a luckee! Nay, nay! Puff patch: one day patches that administer a timed does of nicotine for those wishing to give up the weed! Ayupp! This Puff Patch heads off withdrawal episodes, but it's only available by prescription (ya know what that means, it's going to cost you big bucks!). Ya can't win. These patches won't work unless the "butee" attends a non smoking program.

Did you know that if neither candidate wins a majority of the Electoral votes come next Presidential Election, it would be up to the house to make the choice? Imagine that bunch of clowns with that much power? T'aint funny, McGee.

Cable TV: a subcommittee of two Democrats and 10 Republicans voted against regulating Cable TV. Wanna bet they will have a back up job waiting for them in the cable business when they hightail it out of Washington? Did you know that a quick snort of Fire Water or a cup of chicken soup is still recommended today as the best cure-all for the common cold?

For Once In My Lifetime...While watching the C-Span TV station, the one that telecasts proceedings from the Hot Air Building in Washington, for once I would like to see a politician address his fellow bozos in a different fashion. Normally they say: "Will the honorable gentleman from Idaho yield the floor?" This is what I'd Like to hear, just once: "Will the wind bag from Idaho, who has no idea what he is talking about, give this bozo a chance to get his two cents in?" Or will we ever hear: "Our people need help, let's get our act together and see what we can do to alleviate the suffering, poverty, injustice that has befallen our people. We owe them, we need them; after all, they are fellow Americans."

Going Big Time... St. Vincent Hospital is moving downtown, or is it "uptown?" That's going to be quite a showplace, a Taj Mahal of medicine! Meanwhile, the old St. V's will be turned into an "Old Folks Home" from the scuttlebutt I'm hearing. Imagine what that's going to do to our hospital bills? I can see $1000 a day, double occupancy rooms, and that's just to get in. Instead of paying 5 bucks per aspirin, that would go up to 10 bucks apiece, at least! Pure conjecture on my part, I admit, but let's face it, who do you think is going to be stuck with all those costs?

Many Thanks to D.L. from Worcester for the fine letter sent to me. Kind words, indeed. Sorry though, that you felt one of my remarks, "Dem bag of beans!" was "archaic, racist!" Again, thanks for your words of support! Nice to hear from my readers, now and then.

If a survey was taken in our local schools, who would be the person, or persons they would choose as heroes, or do they have any in this day and age?

The Royal House of Saudi Arabia may at present have as many as 5,000 princes and an equal number of princesses. King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud (le vieux buck), who ruled from 1932 until his death in 1953, had 300 wives. Must be the climate.

A Little Of Dis 'N Dat - We see where the "former" National Chairman of the United Fund has been let go and could receive a $4 million retirement benefit! Hard to believe that it's happening. Also read that the head of the Knights of Columbus is receiving a salary of $455,500! Some guys have it, some guys don't (a lot don't.) Congressman Joe Early, isn't it time you hit the road? Called it a day? Take the rest of the hangers on with ya! Enough of these shenanigans! Clancy will finally lower the boom on the lot of you! It's time now to put a limit on these full time politicos! Electric Light customers, did you know that there is an added $5.25 charge on your monthly electric bill? They call it a customer charge, a price we pay monthly to have a bozo come down and read our meters! Check the back of your bill, you'll see!

Peek-a-boo! I'm back! Flip Flop Tsongas might be making a comeback! But watch out for "Uncle Mario" in the wings. That Brown guy is a funny duck, isn't he? He's different, to say the least. I'm afraid Bush is a Shoo-in! Sec. of State James Baker said he was "shocked!" to learn that it cost the taxpayers over $30,000 to pay for his private plane junkets! He's shocked? Can he imagine how we feel? Surprised to learn that there really are "innocent" people incarcerated in prison? Also, that a judge may overrule a jury in some cases! Life is really full of "surprises!"

From the "I thought I heard it all" department: a police officer stopped a Jackson, Mississippi car because the driver was blind and was being guided by a passenger who was drunk! How about "them" bag of beans?

'Tis time to say, see ya later, folks! May the good Lord take a liking to you, and bless all your pea pickin' hearts! Put a smile on your face, take one day at a time, and watch out for wooden nickels!

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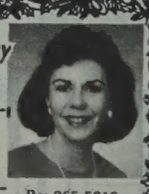

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MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will host a yard sale at the Library from 9 a.m. to noon.

SUTTON - St. John's Episcopal Churchwomen will hold a Bake Sale at Sutton Square Mall, Boston Road, from 9 a.m. to noon.

SUTTON - The Sutton Towne Soccer Association will hold a registration for the Fall Season from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sutton Congregational Church. Rain location will be at the Sutton Town Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

MILLBURY - Students at the Elmwood Street School will present their annual "Spring Art and Music Festival" at 1:45 p.m.

SUTTON - "The History of Tea Through the Centuries" will be the subject of the Sutton Historical Society meeting at 8 p.m. at the Manchaug Baptist Church on Putnam Hill Road.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

MILLBURY - Students at the Elmwood Street School will present their annual "Spring Art and Music Festival" at 1:45.

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news out to educate the community on the excellent service that is provided here."

CLAWSON said he would vote against School Choice. "I think we have to make the system as attractive as possible. If we're losing students, we have to find out why," he said.

COONEY said that Millbury would most likely benefit from School Choice. "Right now, I think we would have an influx from Worcester and other towns, an influx into Millbury."

KUPCINSKAS said better advertising for the schools is needed. "You've got to get people involved and try and show people that we do have a good system. We have great programs, we get everything we can possible get," she said.

WIDEN said the system must continue with quality education, sports programs, and extra-curricular activities. "Provide quality experiences," he said.

Marble asked the candidates for their opinions on heterogenous grouping versus homogenous grouping in grades K-6.

ANDERSON said he did not have a problem with heterogeneous grouping.

AUCIELLO said she would favor heterogenous, "without question."

CLAWSON said he would be more in favor of homogenous grouping, especially in the middle school. "As children and adults, we all move at different speeds. We are all individuals and should not be grouped where one person is not allowed to grow at the same rate as another. If not allowed to grow," he said, "you can become stagnant."

COONEY said heterogeneous grouping gives a child more self-esteem and "a more democratic education. It also helps the teacher to know the student better," she said.

KUPCINSKAS said she had mixed emotions and felt heterogenous grouping should be started at the kindergarten level in order to see beneficial effects.

WIDEN said his "overall feeling" was that heterogenous grouping can work. "There are some barriers," he said, "but overall heterogenous provides a good learning experience."

Marble then asked how they viewed the role of athletics in public education?

ANDERSON replied, "The role of athletics in public education in 1992 is of utmost importance. The students need role models," he said, "goals and objectives. I think sports offers great leadership, team spirit, school spirit. I'm all in favor of school sports on all levels. I also don't like the fact of parents paying fees."

AUCIELLO remarked that, "in an academic institution, academics come first. I also feel students should pay to be involved in athletics," she said. "They would feel more involvement if they did."

CLAWSON said he strongly favors keeping the athletic programs "at all costs, maybe through donations."

COONEY replied, "I don't think sports should infringe upon education."

KUPCINSKAS said sports are responsible for keeping a lot of kids in school. "It's a nice diversion," she said.

WIDEN said sports provide physical activity "and other good qualities, such as working with a team, being responsible, and maintaining an image. A lot of positive benefits," he said.

Bleau asked each how they view the role of the School Committee?

ANDERSON replied, "I don't think the role of the school committee is to be involved in the day to day running of the school unless something was going on in the schools that was counterproductive. I think the school committee should be working with the administrative staff on policies."

AUCIELLO said the school committee is responsible for setting standards. "They have a multi-dimensional role," she said.

CLAWSON said he views the committee as a board of directors whose responsibilities should include seeing that the administration is doing the job it was hired to do.

COONEY replied that the school committee is responsible for dealing out the policies for the school system.

KUPCINSKAS said the committee is the body that makes and interprets policy, receives suggestions from the superintendent, and acts on them.

WIDEN said the school committee should be the carrier of information between the parents and students. "They should gather all the necessary information and provide support," he said.

Bleau remarked that there has always been friction between the school department "and the rest of us. How would you deal with that?" he asked.

ANDERSON said he had some thoughts on why there is friction. "I see that the police, the highway department, all hard working people, are beating their brains out trying to get level funding," he said, "and I see the school system with half the tax revenues of this town; a huge budget. I think a lot of people are a little envious or mad. I don't see anywhere, why anybody, every year without fail, should automatically, with no reason other than a negotiated contract, receive a 4-5-6-7% raise without some sort of giving. I know the cost of living goes up," he said, "but you've got to give something to get something in return. I think we have to try very diligently to eliminate that 'us vs. them' scenario. I don't think that will go away in a year, but I think you have to start somewhere."

AUCIELLO replied that if she were to say she could eliminate the friction in one year, "it would be pie in the sky. We're all fighting for the same dollars," she said.

CLAWSON said he would try to eliminate friction "by working with the individuals and trying to keep an open mind, and doing my homework."

COONEY said that, having been in the "trenches," she can see problems that could have been avoided. She also recommended a return to manners and values, "which won't cost a dime," she said.

KUPCINSKAS replied, "Anyone who cares about the school wants as much money for the schools, and anybody that cares about the town wants as much money for the town. You have to compromise," she said.

WIDEN said he was not aware of any friction, "and as a result," he said, "I think I can act in my best judgement."

Bleau questioned whether class sizes should differ depending on the class? He gave as an example a college prep math class versus a business math class.

ANDERSON replied: "If you had a college prep math or calculus or science type of environment, a high level class, I would think that 30 people in a class is not appropriate. In a class with a different setting, if you were in an english reading or literature class, and you were doing things that weren't quite as demanding on the teacher at that particular time, then I think you could get more people in the classroom."

AUCIELLO said she could see no reason for different class sizes for a college prep math as opposed to a business math class.

CLAWSON said it could depend on whether the class is a highly technical one or an upper level class. "If a basic lecture," he said, "it could be a larger student population."

COONEY remarked that the school committee voted for a minimum of 15 students in a class. "There shouldn't be any criteria why an advanced math class should take precedence over business math," she said. "I am definitely for the average student."

KUPCINSKAS said both classes would need the same level of instruction.

WIDEN, too, said he could see no reason for a difference in class size.

Plante asked the candidates what they would like to have accomplished at the end of their one year term.

ANDERSON said he would like to be known as a person who speaks the truth, "no matter what. A person who accepts a challenge and is not afraid of hard work." He also said he would like to see a budget that would have the least amount of negative impact on the students.

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BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

BOSTON - This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on four roll calls from the week of May 18-22.

TERM LIMITS - House 116-31, rejected a supplemental budget amendment placing a non-binding question on the 1992 ballot asking voters if they favor limiting the terms of the state's constitutional officers and senators and representatives to eight consecutive years. The House 116-28, also rejected another amendment for a ballot question asking voters if they favor limiting the state's U.S. senators to 12 consecutive years and U.S. representatives to 8 consecutive years. Amendment supporters said this will simply allow voters to express their opinion on term limitations. Some opponents said they simply oppose term limits while others claimed there are grave constitutional questions about the limits. Several opponents said the supplemental budget is not the place to address this issue. Both roll calls are listed. The first is on state constitutional officers and state legislators. The second is on U.S. senators and U.S. representatives. On both roll calls, Moore and Kollios voted against placing the question on the ballot.

PRIVATIZATION (H 5673) - House 114-31, approved a supplemental budget amendment requiring the Secretary of Administration and Finance to study the feasibility of the privatization, consolidation or closure of any state facility, property or function planned by the Governor. The amendment also requires that the study, including a cost benefit analysis, be submitted to the legislature for approval of any such action and exempts any action already completed by last March 15. Amendment supporters said this simply insures that the legislature has input into the process and that privatization makes fiscal sense. Opponents said the amendment will hinder privatization and is designed to protect public employee unions by allowing the legislature to block actions which would save millions of dollars. Moore and Kollios voted for the amendment requiring legislative approval.

CHILD ABUSE (H 5537) House 137-8, rejected an amendment to a bill imposing a $1000 fine on anyone who knowingly files a report of child abuse that is false or frivolous. The amendment exempts from the fines, doctors, school officials and others who are required by law to report suspected abuse. Amendment supporters said these mandated reporters could be unfairly fined by following the law and then having the state determine the claim is frivolous. Opponents said the law already protects people who make the claim in good faith. They argued the amendment weakened the bill which is aimed at the 60,000 complaints which were found groundless last year. Moore and Kollios voted against exempting mandated reporters.

COLA (H 5260) - Senate 34-2, approved an emergency preamble to the bill granting a 5% cost of living increase, retroactive to January 1, to some 85,000 retired state and municipal retirees. The emergency preamble makes the law effective immediately instead of in 90 days. Supporters said this will quickly help these retirees who have not had a hike in four years. Opponents favored Governor Weld's reduction of the hike to 4% and a delay in its implementation until July, 1993 to save millions of dollars. Amorello voted for the emergency preamble.

ABANDONED BUILDINGS (H 5464) - Senate 33-1, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a $5 million grant program to help communities demolish abandoned buildings. Supporters of the $5 million argued these burned out buildings have become havens for crimes and drugs and said this program is a first step. Opponents said it would take $100 million to properly tackle this problem and urged the $5 million be used where it can really solve a problem. Amorello voted for the $5 million program.

LICENSE REVOCATION (S 1031) - Senate 20-14, gave near final approval to a bill revoking for ten years the license of anyone convicted of manslaughter when driving a motor vehicle. The measure also provides for revocation for life for a second offense. Current law provides these penalties for those convicted of motor vehicle homicide while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Supporters said these stiff sanctions will keep these killers off the highways. Opponents said there should continue to be a distinction between people who commit these offenses under the influence and those not under the influence. Amorello voted for the license revocation.

Women's Bowling League

SECOND HALF	WON	LOST
Lillies	72	48
Phlox	66	54
Impatients	64	56
Daffy-dills	56	64
Mums	52	68
Pansies	50	70

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

HIGH AVERAGE
Pat Gaspar 103.0
Kathy Marble 97.3
Becky Rushton 96.2

HIGH SINGLE
Mary Jo Boire 118
Ellen Bouvier 118
Joan DeSantis 118
Ann Coons 117
Bobbee Bernard 114

HIGH TRIPLE
Gail Higginbottom 337
Charlotte Gabree 331
Marge McArdle 318

ROLL-OFF TEAMS
Lillies vs Pansies
(first half winners)
Lillies winners 1324
Pansies second, 1262

TOP TEN BOWLERS
Pat Gaspar 103.0
Kathy Marble 97.3
Becky Rushton 96.2
Joan DeSantis 96.1
Charlotte Gabree 95.0
Gail Higginbottom 93.3
Ann Coons 91.1
Marge McArdle 90.5
Mary Jo Boire 89.7
Ellen Bouvier 89.5

Nominations Sought

MILLBURY - The Millbury Democratic Town Committee is seeking nominations for the Fourth Annual Leo P. Bachant Democrat of the Year Award. Nominations are open to all Millbury residents who are registered Democrats and who have distinguished themselves in service to the community. Submit written and signed nominations, including relevant public service information, biographical data, and your reasons for nominating the individual, no later than June 30, 1992 to: Bob Brainard, Chair of Selection Committee, 146A Grafton Street, Millbury, MA 01527. The Award will be presented at a dinner in October.

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SCHOOL from Page 4

Pojani asked if there were funds in the budget for administrator's raises.

Sylvia said there were funds for a $3500 raise for four or five administrators for a total of $14,000.

Pojani asked that a letter be sent to each administrator asking them to forgo their raise at this time.

Sylvia noted that the raises were part of the negotiations with the administrators in 1990.

Hanratty said the Committee could ask them to forego their raise.

Later on in the meeting, prior to going into executive session for collective bargaining, Hanratty said there are no funds in the budget for raises for staff people presently in negotiations with the School Committee. He also said that he believed that this was the case with all other town departments, but could not verify that.

Murray questioned the proposed $50,000 cut and its impact on the teaching staff. He said that, with all due respect to what High School Principal Dan Carmody said previously about user fees and sports programs, "the main business and commitment of the schools is to education." He also noted his own daughter goes to a school that has user fees and that no student is denied the opportunity to participate since scholarships are made available by donations from various businesses and groups. "The choice is clear. The commitment to education is first and foremost," said Murray.

Hanratty said he understood where Murray was coming from, saying it was Murray's personal philosophy and that of those he was representing (teachers). "It is my personal philosophy," Hanratty said, "that in going back to when I was in school here and the generations that came after up to the present, all sports were made available." He said he was concerned that opportunity might be taken away from some child. "I am against that," he said.

Clawson asked Sylvia if any vacant positions exist in the budget.

Sylvia said no, and noted that two positions were lost to attrition this past year and would not be filled.

Pojani said the Athletic Booster Club could be asked to look into ways for funds if user fees are to be considered.

The Committee voted 3-1, Clawson opposed, to cut $50,000 from the professional salary account.

Miscellaneous

- The Committee approved a request for funds from Sylvia totaling $400-$500 for plaques to be presented to the History Honors Class who participated in the Washington D.C. Constitutional Competition.

- The third and final reading of the revised student grouping policy was deferred to the June meeting to give Clawson time to study the proposal and because of the absence of Tuttle.

- Music and band/orchestra teacher Michael Nagy gave a brief report on the bands recent trip to Virginia Beach where the stage and marching bands received second place trophies in their categories. He commended the participants on their accomplishments and demeanor during the events and on the trip, noting the compliments the group received.

- Joanne Stowe, Director of Special Education, received unanimous approval to advertise for a new position in special education at the primary level. The position will be funded by federal funds. The selected individual will teach at the primary level to an integrated class of special needs students within the system rather than going outside which will result in considerable savings. The position will pay a salary of $25,000.

- Brian Chase, temporary President of the Student Advisory Committee, reported that everything was going well for students at the high school and that there are no complaints that he knows about. He said the sports program is going well and noted that the girls softball team made the district playoffs. The computer lab and computers are used frequently, he said, and there is a need for more space.

- The Committee approved the resignation of Barbara Baroni, a cafeteria worker, to be effective at the end of this school year. They also approved, with deep regret, the resignation of Patricia Cooney as Chapter One Teacher effective at the end of this school year.

Chicken Barbecue

MILLBURY - The Women's Council and the Men's Fellowship of the Millbury Baptist Church will sponsor a chicken barbecue on Saturday, June 13, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the side of the church on Main Street, next to the Common. The event is being held in conjunction with the upcoming "Block Party" sponsored by the Lions Club.

The menu will consist of half a chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are $6.00 and may be obtained by calling Sandy Gilbert at 865-5176 or at the Village Knoll on West Main Street.

The Lions Club will be selling buttons for $4.00 which will be your entrance to all the festivities.

Volunteer Sought

MILLBURY - The Board of Selectmen and the Housing Authority are seeking a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority. If interested, contact the selectmen's office at 865-4710.

Recent Graduate

COLUMBUS, MS - Robert W. Dennison, son of Jill A. Baker of Columbus, Mississippi, graduated May 15 from East Mississippi Community College. He is the grandson of Gloria Dennison of Bradenton, Florida.

Spring Flea Market

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will hold its annual Spring Flea Market on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the side of the church on Main Street, next to the Common. Flea market items will include crafts, plants, cut rhubarb, attic treasures, used clothing, toys, trinkets, trifles, and more. There will also be a food table offering baked goods, from cakes and pies to cookies and squares.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, coffee, soda and donuts will be sold during the sale. In the event of rain, the event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

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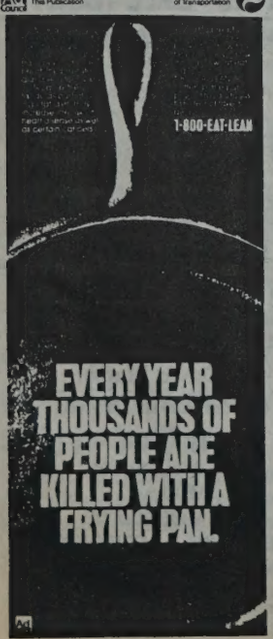

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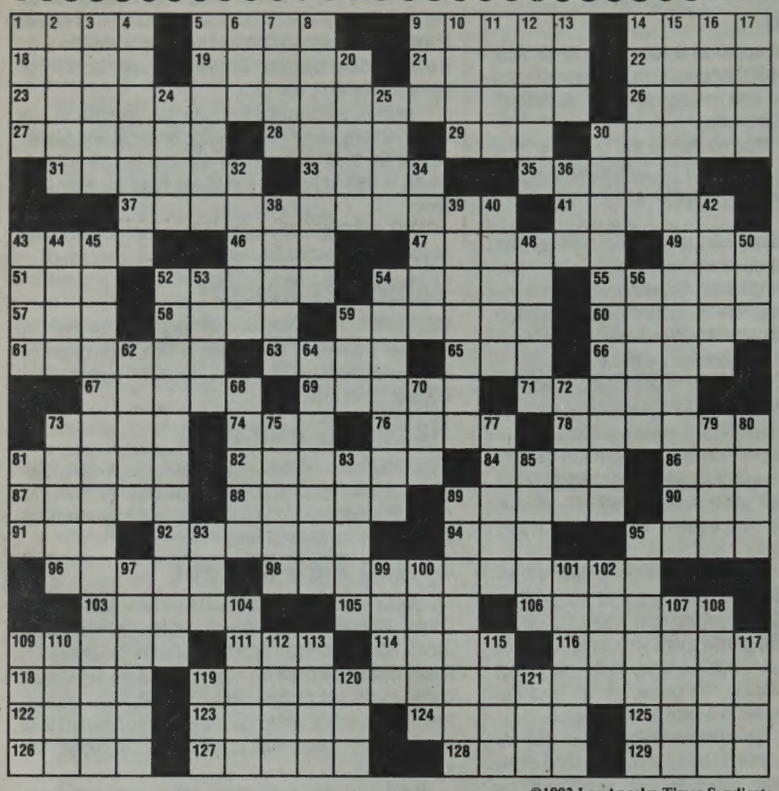

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By Shirley Soloway

ACROSS

1 Corner sign
5 Popular skirt
9 In flame
14 Not closed tight
18 Tiptop
19 Representative
21 Ascends
22 Type of apple
23 Devilishly bad exposures?
26 DLII + DLII
27 Mick's group
28 Place in a cabinet
29 Shoe width
30 Cooks with hot air
31 Trapper
33 Asian desert
35 "The Great — Pepper"
37 Care of horsehair?
41 Avoids work
43 Actor Rob
46 Tiny particle
47 Macadam surface
49 Broadcast
51 Alias, for short
52 North Dakota city
54 Yogi
55 Brian De —
57 Under the weather
58 Smithsonian, for short
59 Justice Burger
60 "— Myself"
61 Gathering leaves
63 Peruse
65 Permanent commitment?
66 Singer Moreno
67 Night adventure
69 Actress Dickinson
71 Observer
73 Grist for U.S. Mail mill
74 Dep. complement
76 Remnants
78 Last exams
81 Wooden pin
82 Fast food restaurants
84 Pinnacle
86 Day, in Madrid
87 Scorch
88 States positively
89 Dullards
90 "Nightmare" street
91 Dynamic monogram?
92 Of the stars
94 A reciter of love poems, in Egypt
95 Concordes
96 Rough rugs
98 Confess to stealing the stole?
103 Accustom
105 Muslim VIP
106 Particular
109 Tan
111 Decay
114 Snaky sea food
116 Gave structure to
118 As well
119 Poppa named Leo, perhaps?
122 "The bad news"
123 Oriental
124 Kind of energy
125 Hall of Famer Slaughter
126 Floating
127 Tree houses
128 "The Seven Little —"
129 Malodorous

DOWN

1 Enervates
2 Legal wrongs
3 Flavorful veggie
4 Professional moniker
5 Actress Osa
6 Here — again!
7 Hildegarde of films
8 Impoverished
9 Covenant chest
10 Superior in quality
11 Statement of understanding
12 Make a new seam
13 Tee leader
14 Fleet
15 Versatile athlete?
16 Parisian pal
17 Speeds up
20 Claw
24 Trillion: Comb. form
25 McEntire of country music
30 Legislative get-togethers?
32 Directional controls
34 Before state or collegiate
36 In the manner of
38 Blows a horn
39 Toted
40 Goofed
42 Jungle film of 1955
43 Den
44 Tulsa's st.
45 Marry on Maui?
48 Massenet's tragic heroine
50 Bolger or Charles
52 Appalachian baseball organization?
53 Mimosa genus
54 British sausages
56 Foreign
59 Ashen
62 Sale item tag
64 Ring Primo
68 Angry with
70 Election winners
72 "All —"
73 Nickels and dimes
75 Metal pin
77 River to the Rhone
79 Spirited tune
80 "— Song"
81 NY summertime
83 Actress Slezak
85 Mob
89 On —: speaking for
93 Sci. register
95 Ring training partner
97 Lucinda's country
99 Elbe tributary
100 Kojak and a young Huxtable
101 Alludes
102 At the summit of
104 Wipe out
107 "— Dancing Mood"
108 Ecnouraged
109 Rhum cake
110 Wallach and Whitney
112 "Miss — Regrets"
113 "Take —!"
115 1944 Allied victory town
117 News room unit
119 Cooler
120 USNA grad
121 Fodder

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JUNE 1-5

MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: chicken pot pie, french fries, pan roll/butter, pears
TUESDAY: juice, rib-b-q sandwich, lettuce & tomato, french fries, jello/topping
WEDNESDAY: juice, submarine sandwich, french fries, fruit
THURSDAY: ravioli/meat sauce, french fries, green beans, garlic bread, pudding
FRIDAY: juice, deep dish pizza, french fries, tossed salad

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: chicken pot pie, potato puffs, pan roll/butter, pears
TUESDAY: rib-b-q sandwich, lettuce & tomato, hash brown potato, corn, pudding
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THURSDAY: cook's choice
FRIDAY: juice, pizza, tossed salad, baker's choice

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MILLBURY, YARD SALE, 7 Carlstrom Lane (Old Common), 9-3, June 6th. No early birds.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

As I sit down to write this week, I am preparing my Memorial Day sermon. We are caught now between Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, and writing about our wonderful country is a good topic at any time.

We have a wonderful country, first of all, because it was founded on Christian principles. The original colonies were founded by Christian people who were looking for the possibility of a Kingdom of God on Earth. We, in New England, know about the Pilgrims, the Puritans, and Roger Williams and the Baptists in Rhode Island, but there were also the Dutch Reform of New York, the Quakers, Amish, and Mennonites of Pennsylvania, the Episcopals of Virginia, and the Roman Catholics under Lord Baltimore in Maryland where religious freedom was first made into law.

These Christian principles worked themselves out during several wars when we loved our enemies and did good to them. Germany and Japan, our enemies of World War II, have prospered because we contributed to their rehabilitation.

America the beautiful has become the symbol of hope to a hopeless world. The American dream is that you can become anything you want to be if you want it badly enough and work hard enough at it. When I was growing up, every one of us children were told that one day we could become President of the United States.

In theology, "escatology" is the study of last things or the future. There is an expression, "Realized Escatology," which means that our hopes and dreams have been realized already. Yes, we do have many unsolved problems in our great country, but we have come a long way to the solution of many of them as well. God has blessed America and will continue to do so, "if my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray." Amen.

Boxing Trial Tickets

MILLBURY - To kick of this year's statewide summer reading program, the Worcester Centrum has donated tickets to upcoming Olympic trials boxing matches to libraries in Central Massachusetts. Here in Millbury, you have a chance to win a pair of tickets to the June 10 match. To be eligible, answer the question: "Which light welterweight boxer won the gold medal in two consecutive Olympic games?" Name the boxer and the years. (Hint: Use the general reference books available in both the adult and children's reference areas.) A winner will be drawn from correct answers on June 5. Tickets are for Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Towne Soccer Registration

SUTTON - The Sutton Towne Soccer Association will hold a registration for the Fall Season on Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sutton Congregational Church. Rain location will be at the Sutton Town Hall. All Sutton children born before August, 1988, are eligible to register.

The cost is $17 for Pee Wee's and Under 8's. The cost for all other age groups is $20 per child. All new players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. If you have questions, call Peter Army, Registrar, at 865-9074.

Lions Plan Community Yard Sale in Sutton

SUTTON - The Sutton Lions Club is planning its first Community Yard Sale for Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sutton Square Mall, Rte. 146. The rain date is Saturday, June 13.

To rent table space or donate items to the Lions Club, call Jim (865-4262), Stu (865-9757), or Phil (865-9316). A single space is $10 and a double, $15.00. Tables are not provided. Reserve early as spaces are limited. If you don't want to have a table of your own, the Lions Club would welcome your donation of items which they will sell to raise funds for local charitable projects. Items can be picked up at your home.

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Town of Sutton
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Sutton Zoning By-Law, Article 13, Section 13.5.4, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 15, 1992, at 7:30 p.m., at the Municipal Center on the Site Plan application by Robert Deslauriers. Property is located at 362 Putnam Hill Road, and is owned by Albert Clouart. The proposed project is for the use of the above property as general office and commercial space. A copy of the application is on file at the Town Clerk's Office and may be viewed during regular office hours.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated above.
Scott Paul, Chairman
May 21 and 28, 1992

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF LAKE SINGLETARY

Selected areas of Lake Singletary will be chemically treated on June 2, 1992 for nuisance vegetation, specifically water milfoil. Usage of the lake water for swimming, fishing, and boating in the treatment areas only will be restricted on June 2 & 3, 1992 and reopened on June 4, 1992. Usage of the lake water for irrigation, watering of livestock, or domestic purposes (drinking/cooking) will be restricted in the treatment areas for 30 days from the date of treatment. Posters outlining these temporary water use restrictions shall be posted along the treated shoreline areas prior to treatment. The work is being performed by Aquatic Control Technology, Inc., of Northboro under contract with the Lake Singletary Watershed Association.

History of Tea

SUTTON - "The History of Tea Through the Centuries" will be the subject of the June 2 Sutton Historical Society meeting at 8 p.m. at the Manchaug Baptist Church on Putnam Hill Road. The guest speaker will be Thomas J. Eck of Upton Tea Imports. About 3 years ago, Eck began importing loose tea which he sells by mail order. He will relate the history of tea as well as show samples of various teas and how they should be brewed. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Public welcome.

Bandstand Funding

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Bandstand, whose purpose it is to raise funds for the financing of the construction of a bandstand for the town, has conducted an initial mailing seeking contributions. So far, nearly $2,000 has been received. Any business or private citizen wishing to donate, can make checks payable to the Friends of the Millbury Bandstand. Mail your contribution to: Charlotte Townsend, 364 Greenwood Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Hymn Sing

GRAFTON - The Rev. Hubert Swetnam will conduct an old fashioned hymn sing at the Union Congregational Church of South Grafton, 88 Main Street, on Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m. A pot luck supper will follow.

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AUCIELLO said she would like to be able to function as a team member.

CLAWSON said he would like to see the school "in as good shape as it is now."

COONEY said not much can be accomplished in one year. She noted that it took her one year to learn the policies when she was last on the committee. "Anyone who comes into this position, by the time they learn it, the year will be over. Tomorrow night there will be a third reading of the heterogeneous policy," she said. "I can go in tomorrow night and vote knowing what I'm doing. There are several things that I am knowledgeable about having been on the committee."

KUPCINSKAS said she would like to make sure that any program that can be saved, will be. She said she would also like to keep out athletic fees and not lose any teachers. "The first year I would just be learning," she said. "I don't have a lot of experience, I have common sense."

WIDEN replied, "With my business expertise, I feel I can provide sound fiscal advice and alternative ideas for fund raising." He also remarked that he could add new blood. "New faces can be very positive," he said.

Plante asked each what they feel is the most pressing problem facing the school system at this time.

ANDERSON replied, "Attitude. If everybody projects a positive attitude, I think it trickles right on down. People have to be responsible for their actions."

AUCIELLO replied, "Dollars."

CLAWSON: "Funding."

COONEY said, "I think, families values. The schools deal with a lot of things that should be dealt with at home."

KUPCINSKAS listed money first.

WIDEN said morale problems topped his list.

When it came time to vote, Hanratty said, "I could live with any of the six candidates. I ranked them and they are all within a point or a point and a half of each other. I'm going to vote for Tom Clawson because I think he did an outstanding job. He is very familiar with the finances of the town and agrees with my own personal philosophy."

Gauthier voted for Paul Anderson with no comment.

Pojani said all candidates were excellent and that it was a tough decision. She said she was voting for Pat Cooney, "because she has a lot of experience to offer. She has been on the board, she's dealt with union contracts."

Lachance voted for Clawson with no comment.

Tuttle also voted for Cooney, saying she agreed with Pojani's comments.

Bleau, saying it was a difficult decision, after a long pause voted for Clawson.

Marble said he kept score on the candidates "and it was very close. I was totally objective," he said. "I vote for Tom Clawson."

Plante said he would vote for Tom Clawson because of his work on the finance committee.

Cristo said he would vote for Kupcinskas because he was impressed by her interview and because someone gave him a chance at politics when he was young.

On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

June Calendar Highlights

Is the future of your public library important to you? If so, will you consider giving a minimum of one night a month to help the library to continue to provide educational, informational, and entertaining resources to you and your family? Come to the Library on Thursday, June 11, 1992, at 6:30 p.m. to find out why we need you. For more information, call the library or Tony Army at 865-2078.

OLYMPIC TRIAL TICKETS: you could win a pair of tickets to the Olympic Trial Boxing matches on June 10 at the Centrum by answering the question, "Which light welterweight boxer won the Olympic Gold Medal in two consecutive Olympic Games?" The Drawing is Friday, June 5. Tickets donated by the Centrum and distributed by the Central Massachusetts Regional System.

FATHER'S DAY WORKSHOP, Wednesday, June 17, at 3:30 p.m. Kids in grades one and up will make a card that really moves! Registration starts June 9.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION - Register for another great summer of fun programs for kids on Wednesday, June 24. This year, kids will be challenged to "Reach for It!" This year's summer programs will focus on athletics and the 1992 Olympics. Look for upcoming July/August calendar highlights for more information.

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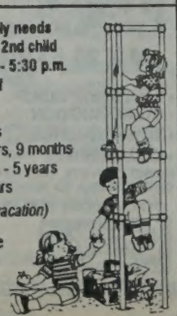

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